New Government hospitals in NER

1222. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open new Government hospitals in the country particulary in the North Eastern Region including Sikkim State;

(b) if so, the details of location/place-wise thereof alongwith the time by when it would be opened; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. During 2006-07 the Government of Assam proposed three new district hospitals at Bangaigaon, Baksha Hospital (Mushalpur), and Amingaon (Kamrup Rural). These proposals were approved and an amount of Rs. 6 Crore @ Rs. 2 crore per hospital for construction has been released as first instalment. The Government of Assam has intimated that the work of these hospitals will be completed by August 2009.

Health survey

1223. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has so far undertaken any survey pertaining to state of health in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that seventy per cent of the children are anaemic and that one out of four women and one out of six men in cities are obese; and

(c) if so, what action Government proposes to take regarding health and nutrition of children in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Family health Survey-3 (NFHS-3) has been conducted in all the 29 States in the country in the year 2005-06. The survey has collected information on Mortality, Marriage & Fertility, Family Planning, Maternal and Child Health, Immunization of children, Treatment of infection, child feeding practices, Nutritional status Of children and adult, prevalence of anemia among children and adults, obsesiry among men & women, Knowledge, attitude and behaviour with regard to HIV/AIDS and its prevalence and treatment seeking behaviour for TB& malaria. The survey has covered samples from all women in the age group 15-49 and men in the age group of 15-54.

(b) As per NFHS-3, 69.5% of children age 6-59 months suffer from any anemia, 23.5% of urban women aged 15- 49 and 15.9% of urban men aged 15-49 are overweight or obsese having Body Mass Index greater than 25.

(c) The Government is seized of the problem of malnutrition and is implementing a number of schemes through out the country which directly or indirectly improve the nutritional status of women and children. Some of these are as under:

(i) The Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, has launch the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in order to improve the availability